

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: TELERA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-49 WRU-00-62-3479
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION, CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued September 29, 2000)

On August 17, 2000, Telera Communications, Inc. (Telera), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide statewide facilities-based and resold local exchange services. Initially, Telera proposes to offer service in the exchanges served by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated (Iowa Telecom). The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-49. Telera states that it will adopt the maps of the exchanges of the two incumbent local exchange carriers where it proposes to provide service. In addition, Telera has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements and has agreed to support the 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant

"possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has reviewed Telera's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds that it is consistent with the public interest to approve the application.

Telera also states that its service area will mirror the service territory of Qwest and Iowa Telecom and concurs in their exchange and service area maps, as they are now filed and as they will be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Telera has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the maps of the three incumbent local exchange carriers.

Telera has requested that the Board waive the requirements of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2). The waiver requests were identified as Docket No. WRU-00-62-3479.

Telera requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires the keeping of records according to the uniform system of accounts. Telera states that it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles

(GAAP). The Board finds that this waiver should be granted, since records kept in accordance with GAAP accounting are acceptable for a competitive local exchange service provider.

Telera has requested that the requirements of 199 IAC 18.2 be waived. The rule requires that a regulated public utility keep its records in Iowa. The Board will grant the waiver based upon the statement of Telera that it will make the records available to the Board upon request.

Telera also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory. The Board will grant this waiver since Telera does not have a sufficient number of customers to warrant publishing a directory and Telera states that it will provide all directory information to the incumbent local exchange carrier for inclusion in its directory.

Telera has not filed proposed tariffs for Board approval setting out the service and rates for providing local exchange service. The Board finds that a certificate should not be issued to Telera until it has approved tariffs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Telera Communications, Inc., on August 17, 2000, is approved, subject to the requirement that follows.

2. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Telera Communications, Inc., upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. At the time Telera

Communications, Inc., files proposed tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers.

3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, is approved.

4. The waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2) is granted as described in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of September, 2000.